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ON A PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION OF EPIDEMIC THEORY. II -
THE MODEL WITH IMMIGRATION

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1.1. INTRODUCTION

A generalization of the basic model which arises in the stochastic theory of epidemics, discussed by Gani [1], is that for which at time $t > 0$, there are in circulation r uninfected susceptibles and s infectives, $n + r + s = r + s$ removals of infectives having occurred since time $t = 0$. Here the integer m represents the number of susceptible immigrants who have entered the population since time $t = 0$, when the initial population consisted of n susceptibles and s infectives only.

It will be found useful, instead of considering as before the probabilities

$$p_{rs}(t) = \Pr \left\{ \begin{array}{l} r \text{ susceptibles and } s \text{ infectives at } t > 0 \\ n \text{ susceptibles and } s \text{ infectives at } t = 0 \end{array} \right\},$$

to keep track of the number of immigrants m in the population as well. Thus, we now consider the probabilities

$$p_{rsm}(t) = \Pr \left\{ \begin{array}{l} r \text{ susceptibles, } s \text{ infectives and } m \text{ immigrants at } t > 0 \\ n \text{ susceptibles, } s \text{ infectives and } 0 \text{ immigrants at } t = 0 \end{array} \right\},$$

and denote by β the infection parameter, by γ the removal parameter and by μ the immigration parameter, precisely as in Bailey [2] (p. 179).

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Then if $\rho = \gamma/\beta$, and $\sigma = \mu/\beta$, we find after the usual change in time scale that the probabilities $p_{rsm}(t)$ satisfy the differential-difference equations

$$(1.1) \quad \frac{dp_{rsm}}{dt} = (r+1)(s-1)p_{r+1,s-1,m} - \{s(r+\rho) + \sigma\}p_{rsm} \\ + \rho(s+1)p_{r,s+1,m} + \sigma p_{r-1,s,m-1}$$

where $0 \leq s \leq m+n+n-r$, $0 \leq r \leq m+n$, $0 \leq m < \infty$, with the initial condition $p_{ns0}(0) = 1$.

It is readily seen that the probability generating function (p.g.f.) of the process

$$(1.2) \quad \Pi(z,w,v,t) = \sum_{r,s,m} p_{rsm}(t) z^r w^s v^m \quad (|z|, |w|, |v| \leq 1)$$

satisfies the partial differential equation

$$(1.3) \quad \frac{d\Pi}{dt} = w(w-z) \frac{\partial^2 \Pi}{\partial z \partial w} + \rho(1-w) \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial w} + \sigma(zv-1) \Pi.$$

We note that with $v = 1$, when the immigrant number is not taken into account, this equation is identical with the more usual one given by Bartlett [3] or Bailey [2]. With $\sigma = 0$, (1.3) reduces to the equation previously solved in [1].

Using a method related to that outlined in [1], we shall in this paper solve equation (1.1) formally in the general case.

2. Remarks on the processes with and without migration.

Let us, much as in [1], write the p.g.f. (1.2) in the form

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \Pi(z, w, v, t) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} v^m \sum_{r=0}^{m} \sum_{s=0}^{m-r} b_{rsm}(t) z^r w^s \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} v^m g_m(z, w, t). \end{aligned}$$

On substituting this expression in (1.3) we obtain

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} v^m \frac{\partial g_m}{\partial t} &= \\ w(w-z) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} v^m \frac{\partial^2 g_m}{\partial z \partial w} + p(1-w) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} v^m \frac{\partial g_m}{\partial w} + \sigma z \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} v^m g_m - \tau \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} v^m g_m. \end{aligned}$$

Since this is true for all v , by equating coefficients of v^m on both sides of the equation we obtain

$$(2.3) \quad \frac{\partial g_0}{\partial t} = w(w-z) \frac{\partial^2 g_0}{\partial z \partial w} + p(1-w) \frac{\partial g_0}{\partial w} - \sigma g_0$$

$$\frac{\partial g_m}{\partial t} = w(w-z) \frac{\partial^2 g_m}{\partial z \partial w} + p(1-w) \frac{\partial g_m}{\partial w} - \sigma g_m + \tau g_{m-1} \quad (m=1, 2, \dots)$$

subject to the initial conditions $g_0(z, w, 0) = z^w w^s$, $g_m(z, w, 0) = 0$ for $m > 0$.

We can simplify these slightly by setting

$$(2.4) \quad h_m(z, w, t) = e^{-\sigma t} g_m(z, w, t)$$

With respect to time, we find that the equations (2.7) reduce to

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} s F_{0,r}(w, z) &= w^r (r+1) \frac{\partial F_{0,r+1}}{\partial w} - ((r+p)w - p) \frac{\partial F_{0,r}}{\partial w} \quad (r=0, 1, \dots, n-1) \\ s F_{0,n}(w, z) - w^n &= -((r+p)w - p) \frac{\partial F_{0,n}}{\partial w}. \end{aligned}$$

The solutions to these are found to be

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} F_{0,n}(w, z) &= \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} \left(\frac{p}{r+p}\right)^{n-j} \left(w - \frac{p}{r+p}\right)^j (s + (r+p)j)^{-1} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^n \left(w - \frac{p}{r+p}\right)^j F_{0,n}^{(j)}\left(\frac{p}{r+p}, s\right) / j! \end{aligned}$$

and consequently

$$(2.10) \quad F_{0,r}(w, z) = \sum_{j=0}^{r-1} \left(w - \frac{p}{r+p}\right)^j F_{0,r+1}^{(j)}\left(\frac{p}{r+p}, s\right) / j!$$

where the coefficient $\frac{\partial F_{0,r+1}}{\partial z}\left(\frac{p}{r+p}, s\right)$ can be expressed in terms of the previously known $F_{0,r+1}^{(j)}(w, s)$ as

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} F_{0,r}^{(j)}\left(\frac{p}{r+p}, s\right) &= (r+1)(s + (r+p)j)^{-1} \times \\ &\{ j(j-1) F_{0,r+1}^{(j-1)}\left(\frac{p}{r+p}, s\right) + 2j\left(\frac{p}{r+p}\right) F_{0,r+1}^{(j)}\left(\frac{p}{r+p}, s\right) + \left(\frac{p}{r+p}\right)^2 F_{0,r+1}^{(j+1)}\left(\frac{p}{r+p}, s\right) \}. \end{aligned}$$

We now proceed to use these known solutions for $h_0(w, t)$ as the basis of the explicit solutions for the $h_m(z, w, t)$ ($m = 1, 2, \dots$).

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3. Method of solution of the partial differential equations

Let us first consider the equation

$$(3.1) \quad \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial t} = w(w-z) \frac{\partial^2 h_1}{\partial z \partial w} + \rho(1-w) \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial w} + \sigma z h_0,$$

and write $h_1(z, w, t)$ as

$$(3.2) \quad h_1(z, w, t) = \sum_{r=0}^{n+1} z^r f_{1,r}(w, t).$$

Substituting (3.2) in (3.1), and recalling that $h_0(z, w, t) = \sum_{r=0}^n z^r f_{0,r}(w, t)$, we obtain

$$(3.3) \quad \frac{\partial f_{1,n+1}}{\partial t} = -((n+1+\rho)w - \rho) \frac{\partial f_{1,n+1}}{\partial w} + \sigma f_{0,n}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_{1,r}}{\partial t} = w^2(r+1) \frac{\partial f_{1,r+1}}{\partial w} - ((r+\rho)w - \rho) \frac{\partial f_{1,r}}{\partial w} + \sigma f_{0,r-1} \quad (r=0, 1, \dots, n)$$

where $f_{0,-1}(w, t)$ is understood to be zero.

If, as before, we take Laplace transforms with respect to time, these equations reduce to

$$(3.4) \quad sF_{1,n+1}(w, s) = -((n+1+\rho)w - \rho) \frac{\partial F_{1,n+1}}{\partial w} + \sigma F_{0,n}$$

$$sF_{1,r}(w, s) = w^2(r+1) \frac{\partial F_{1,r+1}}{\partial w} - ((r+\rho)w - \rho) \frac{\partial F_{1,r}}{\partial w} + \sigma F_{0,r-1} \quad (r=0, 1, \dots, n).$$

We note that, except for the last term, the equations are similar in form to those for the $F_{0,r}$; we would therefore expect similar methods to apply in their solution.

Then, for $F_{1,n+1}$, assuming for simplicity that s is real, we may rewrite the equation (3.6) as

$$(3.5) \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \left\{ ((n+1+\rho)w - \rho)^{\frac{s}{n+1+\rho}} F_{1,n+1} \right\} = ((n+1+\rho)w - \rho)^{\frac{1}{n+1+\rho} - 1} \sigma F_{0n},$$

$$(n+1+\rho) \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \left\{ \left(w - \frac{\rho}{n+1+\rho} \right)^{\frac{s}{n+1+\rho}} F_{1,n+1} \right\} = \sigma \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(w - \frac{\rho}{n+1+\rho} \right)^{j-1 + \frac{s}{n+1+\rho}} F_{0n}^{(j)} \left(\frac{\rho}{n+1+\rho}, s \right) / j!$$

On integration, with due regard for the initial condition

lim as $w \rightarrow \infty$ of $F_{1,n+1}(w, s) = 0$ we obtain

$$(3.7) \left(w - \frac{\rho}{n+1+\rho} \right)^{\frac{s}{n+1+\rho}} F_{1,n+1} = \sigma \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(w - \frac{\rho}{n+1+\rho} \right)^j \left(s + j(n+1+\rho) \right)^{-1} F_{0n}^{(j)} \left(\frac{\rho}{n+1+\rho}, s \right) / j!$$

Hence

$$(3.8) \begin{aligned} F_{1,n+1}(w, s) &= \sigma \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(w - \frac{\rho}{n+1+\rho} \right)^j \left(s + j(n+1+\rho) \right)^{-1} F_{0n}^{(j)} \left(\frac{\rho}{n+1+\rho}, s \right) / j! \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(w - \frac{\rho}{n+1+\rho} \right)^j F_{1,n+1}^{(j)} \left(\frac{\rho}{n+1+\rho}, s \right) / j! \end{aligned}$$

where the

$$F_{1,n+1}^{(j)} \left(\frac{\rho}{n+1+\rho}, s \right) = \sigma \left(s + j(n+1+\rho) \right)^{-1} F_{0n}^{(j)} \left(\frac{\rho}{n+1+\rho}, s \right)$$

and the $F_{0n}^{(k)} \left(\frac{\rho}{n+1+\rho}, s \right)$ can be readily obtained from the known result

for $F_{0n}(v, s)$; in particular, the derivatives are

$$(3.9) F_{0n}^{(k)} \left(\frac{\rho}{n+1+\rho}, s \right) = \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \frac{\sigma!}{(\sigma-j)!(j-k)!} \left(\frac{\rho}{n+1+\rho} \right)^{\sigma-j} \left(\frac{\rho}{(n+1+\rho)(n+1+\rho)} \right)^{j-k} \left(s + j(n+1+\rho) \right)^{-1}.$$

We now proceed to obtain all remaining $F_{1r}(w, s)$, $r = n, n-1, \dots, 0$.

Let us assume for the moment that for any of these particular values of

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Since $F_{1,r+1}(w, s)$ is known, and can be expressed in the form

$$(3.10) \quad F_{1,r+1}(w, s) = \sum_{j=0}^{a+n-r} \left(w - \frac{\rho}{r+j} \right)^j F_{1,r+1}^{(j)} \left(\frac{\rho}{r+j}, s \right) / j!$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{a+n-r} \left(w - \frac{\rho}{r+j} \right)^j F_{1,r+1}^{(j)} \left(\frac{\rho}{r+j}, s \right) / j!$$

where

$$(3.11) \quad F_{1,r+1}^{(j)} \left(\frac{\rho}{r+j}, s \right) =$$

$$\sum_{i=k}^{a+n-r} \left(\frac{\rho}{r+i} \right)^{j-i} F_{1,r+1}^{(i)} \left(\frac{\rho}{r+i}, s \right) / (j-i)!$$

Then, the partial differential equation (3.4) for $F_{1r}(w, s)$ can be written as

$$(r+p) \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \left\{ \left(w - \frac{\rho}{r+p} \right)^{\frac{s}{r+p}} F_{1r} \right\} = \left(w - \frac{\rho}{r+p} \right)^{\frac{s}{r+p}-1} \times$$

(3.12)

$$\left\{ (r+1) \sum_{i=0}^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{a+n-r} \left(w - \frac{\rho}{r+p} \right)^{j+i-1} \binom{r}{i} \binom{r}{j} F_{1,r+1}^{(i)} \left(\frac{\rho}{r+j}, s \right) / (j-1)! + \sigma \sum_{j=0}^{a+n-r+1} \left(w - \frac{\rho}{r+p} \right)^j F_{0,r+1}^{(j)} \left(\frac{\rho}{r+p}, s \right) / j! \right\}$$

in which both w^2 and $F_{0,r+1}(w, s)$ have been expressed as polynomials in $\left(w - \frac{\rho}{r+p} \right)$. On integration, with due regard for the initial condition

$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s F_{1r}(w, s) = 0$, we obtain

$$(3.13) \quad F_{1r}(w, s) = \left\{ (r+1) \sum_{i=0}^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{a+n-r} \left(w - \frac{\rho}{r+p} \right)^{j+i-1} (s + (r+p)(j-i+1))^{-1} \binom{r}{i} \binom{r}{j} F_{1,r+1}^{(i)} \left(\frac{\rho}{r+j}, s \right) / (j-1)! \right. \\ \left. + \sigma \sum_{j=0}^{a+n-r+1} \left(w - \frac{\rho}{r+p} \right)^j (s + (r+p)j)^{-1} F_{0,r+1}^{(j)} \left(\frac{\rho}{r+p}, s \right) / j! \right\} \\ = \sum_{k=0}^{a+n-r+1} \frac{1}{k!} \left(w - \frac{\rho}{r+p} \right)^k (s + (r+p)k)^{-1} \left\{ (r+1) \left[k(k-1) F_{1,r+1}^{(k-1)} \left(\frac{\rho}{r+p}, s \right) + \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. 2k \left(\frac{\rho}{r+p} \right) F_{1,r+1}^{(k)} \left(\frac{\rho}{r+p}, s \right) + \left(\frac{\rho}{r+p} \right)^2 F_{1,r+1}^{(k+1)} \left(\frac{\rho}{r+p}, s \right) \right] + \sigma F_{0,r+1}^{(k)} \left(\frac{\rho}{r+p}, s \right) \right\} \\ = \sum_{k=0}^{a+n-r+1} \left(w - \frac{\rho}{r+p} \right)^k F_{1r}^{(k)} \left(\frac{\rho}{r+p}, s \right) / k!$$

where

$$F_{1r}^{(k)}\left(\frac{\rho}{r+\rho}, s\right) = (s + (r+\rho)k)^{-1} \left\{ (r+1) \left[k(k-1) F_{1,r+1}^{(k-1)}\left(\frac{\rho}{r+\rho}, s\right) + \right. \right. \\ (3.14) \quad \left. \left. 2k\left(\frac{\rho}{r+\rho}\right) F_{1,r+1}^{(k)}\left(\frac{\rho}{r+\rho}, s\right) + \left(\frac{\rho}{r+\rho}\right)^2 F_{1,r+1}^{(k+1)}\left(\frac{\rho}{r+\rho}, s\right) \right] + \sigma F_{0,r-1}^{(k)}\left(\frac{\rho}{r+\rho}, s\right) \right\}.$$

Since the $F_{1,r+1}^{(k)}\left(\frac{\rho}{r+\rho}, s\right)$ are known from (3.13), and the $F_{0,r-1}^{(k)}\left(\frac{\rho}{r+\rho}, s\right)$ from the general expression for $F_{0r}(w, s)$ as in (2.10). We note that

$F_{1,r+1}^{(k)}(w, s)$ is also of the form assumed for $F_{1,r+1}(w, s)$ in (3.10) and since $F_{1,r+1}(w, s)$ has been shown to be of this form, then it follows by induction that (3.13) will be the form of all the $F_{1r}^{(k)}(w, s)$ ($r = 0, 1, \dots, n$); the equation (3.14) shows the relation between coefficients of consecutive polynomials in w . It should be pointed out that the form (3.13) includes (3.8) since $F_{1r}^{(k)}(w, s) = 0$ for $r > n + 1$.

4. The general solution

We may now in the same way proceed to solve the general equation

$$(4.1) \quad \frac{\partial h_m}{\partial t} = w(w-z) \frac{\partial^2 h_m}{\partial z^2 w} + \rho(1-w) \frac{\partial h_m}{\partial w} + \sigma z h_{m-1},$$

for h_m ($m > 1$), assuming that $h_{m-1} = \sum_{r=0}^{n+m-1} z^r f_{m-1,r}(w, t)$ is known and starting with $h_2(z, w, t)$. We first write

$$(4.2) \quad h_m(z, w, t) = \sum_{r=0}^{n+m} z^r f_{mr}(w, t)$$

which from (4.1) leads to

$$(4.3) \quad \frac{\partial f_{m,n+m}}{\partial t} = -((n+m+\rho)w - \rho) \frac{\partial f_{m,n+m}}{\partial w} + \sigma f_{m-1,n+m-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_{mr}}{\partial t} = w^2(r+1) \frac{\partial f_{m,r+1}}{\partial w} - ((r+\rho)w - \rho) \frac{\partial f_{mr}}{\partial w} + \sigma f_{m-1,r-1} \quad (r = 0, 1, \dots, n+m-1)$$

where $f_{m-1, -1}(w, t)$ is again understood to be zero.

These equations reduce, after taking Laplace transforms with respect to time to

$$(4.4) \quad \begin{aligned} sF_{m, n+m} &= -((n+m+p)w - p) \frac{\partial F_{m, n+m}}{\partial w} + \sigma F_{m-1, n+m-1} \\ sF_{m, r} &= w^2(r+1) \frac{\partial F_{m, r+1}}{\partial w} - ((r+p)w - p) \frac{\partial F_{m, r}}{\partial w} + \sigma F_{m-1, r-1} \quad (r=0, 1, \dots, n+m-1), \end{aligned}$$

and the methods of Section 3 lead directly to a solution

$$(4.5) \quad \begin{aligned} F_{m, r}(w, s) &= \sum_{k=0}^{n+a+m-r} \frac{1}{k!} \left(w - \frac{p}{r+p}\right)^k (s + (r+p)k)^{-1} \left\{ (r+1) \left[k(k-1) F_{m, r+1}^{(k-1)} \left(\frac{p}{r+p}, s\right) + \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. 2k \left(\frac{p}{r+p}\right) F_{m, r+1}^{(k)} \left(\frac{p}{r+p}, s\right) + \left(\frac{p}{r+p}\right)^2 F_{m, r+1}^{(k+1)} \left(\frac{p}{r+p}, s\right) \right] + \sigma F_{m-1, r-1}^{(k)} \left(\frac{p}{r+p}, s\right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where for $r = m + n$ only the last term within the curly brackets,

$$\left\{ \sigma F_{m-1, m+n-1}^{(k)} \left(\frac{p}{r+p}, s\right) \right\}, \text{ is non-zero, and for } r = 0 \text{ all } F_{m-1, -1}^{(k)} = 0.$$

We note that

$$(4.6) \quad \begin{aligned} F_{m, r}^{(k)} \left(\frac{p}{r+p}, s\right) &= (s + (r+p)k)^{-1} \left\{ (r+1) \left[k(k-1) F_{m, r+1}^{(k-1)} \left(\frac{p}{r+p}, s\right) + \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. 2k \left(\frac{p}{r+p}\right) F_{m, r+1}^{(k)} \left(\frac{p}{r+p}, s\right) + \left(\frac{p}{r+p}\right)^2 F_{m, r+1}^{(k+1)} \left(\frac{p}{r+p}, s\right) \right] + \sigma F_{m-1, r-1}^{(k)} \left(\frac{p}{r+p}, s\right) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where, if $F_{m-1, r-1}(w, s)$ and $F_{m, r+1}(w, s)$ are known and expressed in their usual forms as

$$(4.7) \quad \begin{aligned} F_{m-1, r-1}(w, s) &= \sum_{k=0}^{n+a+m-r} \left(w - \frac{p}{r-1+p}\right)^k F_{m-1, r-1}^{(k)} \left(\frac{p}{r-1+p}, s\right) / k! \\ F_{m, r+1}(w, s) &= \sum_{k=0}^{n+a+m-r-1} \left(w - \frac{p}{r+1+p}\right)^k F_{m, r+1}^{(k)} \left(\frac{p}{r+1+p}, s\right) / k! \end{aligned}$$

it is then readily seen that

$$F_{m+r-i}^{(k)}\left(\frac{p}{s+p}, s\right) = \sum_{k=j}^{m+r} \left(\frac{-p}{(s+p)(s+1+p)}\right)^{k-j} F_{m-i, r-i}^{(k)}\left(\frac{p}{s+1+p}, s\right) / (k-j)!$$

$$F_{m+r-i}^{(k)}\left(\frac{p}{s+p}, s\right) = \sum_{k=j}^{m+r-1} \left(\frac{p}{(s+p)(s+1+p)}\right)^{k-j} F_{m, r-i}^{(k)}\left(\frac{p}{s+1+p}, s\right) / (k-j)!$$

This step by step procedure, lengthy though it may be, in fact provides the full solution to the problem. We shall illustrate it by carrying out the first few steps in a very simple example.

1. First step in a simple example: $n=1$, $s=1$, with immigration

We already know from [1] that

$$F_{01}(w, s) = (w - \frac{p}{1+p})(s+1+p)^{-1} + \frac{ps^{-1}}{1+p}$$

$$F_{10}(w, s) = (s+1+p)^{-1} \left\{ (w-1)^2 (s+2p)^{-1} + 2(w-1)(s+p)^{-1} + s^{-1} \right\}.$$

Now, for $\tilde{g}_0(z, w, t)$, the g.f. associated with $\alpha = 0$, the Laplace transform will be

$$(3.13) \quad \int_0^{\infty} e^{-zt} \tilde{g}_0(z, w, t) dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s+\sigma)t} \tilde{h}_0(z, w, t) dt = F_{00}(w, s+\sigma) + z F_{01}(w, s+\sigma).$$

We now obtain from (3.13) that

$$F_{01}(w, s) = \sigma \left\{ (w - \frac{p}{2+p})(s+1+p)^{-1} (s+1+p)^{-1} - \frac{ps^{-1}(s+1+p)^{-1}}{(1+p)(2+p)} + \frac{ps^{-2}}{1+p} \right\}$$

$$F_{10}(w, s) = \sigma \left(w - \frac{p}{1+p} \right)^2 (s+1+p)^{-1} (s+2(1+p))^{-1} \left\{ 2(s+2+p)^{-1} + (s+2p)^{-1} \right\} +$$

$$2\sigma \left(w - \frac{p}{1+p} \right) (s+1+p)^{-2} \left\{ \frac{2p(s+2+p)^{-1}}{1+p} - \frac{(s+2p)^{-1}}{1+p} + (s+p)^{-1} \right\} +$$

$$\sigma s^{-1} (s+1+p)^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2p^2(s+2+p)^{-1}}{(1+p)^2} + \frac{(s+2p)^{-1}}{(1+p)^2} - 2 \frac{(s+p)^{-1}}{1+p} + s^{-1} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{10}(w, s) = & 2\sigma (w-1)^3 (s+3p)^{-1} (s+1+p)^{-1} (s+2(1+p))^{-1} \left\{ 2(s+2+p)^{-1} / (s+2p)^{-1} \right\} + \\
 & 2\sigma (w-1)^2 (s+2p)^{-1} (s+1+p)^{-1} \left\{ (2p+3)(s+2(1+p))^{-1} \left[2(s+2+p)^{-1} / (s+2p)^{-1} \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. (s+2p)^{-1} \right] + (s+1+p)^{-1} \left[2p(s+1+p)^{-1} - (s+2p)^{-1} + (1+p)^{-1} \right] \right\} + \\
 & 2\sigma (w-1)(s+p)^{-1} (s+1+p)^{-1} \left\{ (s+3)(s+2(1+p))^{-1} \left[2(s+2+p)^{-1} / (s+2p)^{-1} \right] + \right. \\
 & \left. (s+1+p)^{-1} \left[2p(s+1+p)^{-1} - (s+2p)^{-1} + (1+p)^{-1} \right] \right\} + \\
 & 2\sigma^2 s^{-1} (s+1+p)^{-1} \left\{ (s+2(1+p))^{-1} \left[2(s+2+p)^{-1} + (1+2p)^{-1} \right] + \right. \\
 & \left. (s+1+p)^{-1} \left[2p(s+2+p)^{-1} - (s+p)^{-1} + (s+p)^{-1} \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that the g.f. $g_1(x, w, t)$ associated with $m=1$ will have the Laplace transform

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.4) \quad \int_0^\infty e^{-st} g_1(x, w, t) dt = & \int_0^\infty e^{-(s+\sigma)t} h_1(x, w, t) dt - \\
 & F_{10}(w, s+\sigma) + z F_{11}(w, s+\sigma) + z^2 F_{12}(w, s+\sigma) .
 \end{aligned}$$

The procedure outlined may be continued indefinitely for values $m=2, 3, \dots$. We note that while our method is straightforward in principle, it is decidedly tedious in practice, the formulae derived being of such unwieldy lengths as to restrict their usefulness.

the question this arises as to whether some judicious approximation, such as that suggested by Whittle [4], or some other, may not prove more satisfactory in practice. To this possibility, we turn our attention in a subsequent paper.

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